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C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 3932

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SUBJECT: UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY: SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OPENS

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1. THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OPENED ON THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 1 AND PRODUCED NO SURPRISES. SEVERAL OBSERVERS REFERRED TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SCHEDULED ADDRESS TO BE PRESENTED BY AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN IN THE AFTERNOON AS THE REAL STARTING GUN OF THE SESSION.

2. IN CHAIR, GA PRESIDENT BOUTEFLIKA FOR THE MOMENT DEFTLY SIDESTEPED THE CREDENTIALS QUESTION, WHICH COULD HAVE REOPENED THE ISSUE OF SOUTH AFRICAN PARTICIPATION (SEPTTEL). (THE SOUTH AFRICAN DELEGATION'S SEATS WERE EMPTY.)

3. IN HIS OPENING ADDRESS (POUCHING FULL TEXT), BOUTEFLIKA TRIED TO PLACE THE "NON-ALIGNED" STAMP ON THE PROCEEDINGS, RECALLING THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION AND THE ALGIERS CONFERENCE (1973) PROPOSAL THAT A SPECIAL SESSION BE HELD. HIS CHOICE OF RHETORIC REFLECTED THE TEMPER OF THE LIMA CONFERENCE. IT WAS
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AN APPARENT ATTEMPT TO SOUND CONSTRUCTIVE AND CONCILIATORY

WITHOUT ABANDONING ESSENTIAL NON-ALIGNED POSITIONS. FOR
EXAMPLE, A PARAGRAPH CHARGING LESTERN EXPLOITATION OF THE
THIRD WORLD WAS FOLLOWED BY ONE AFFIRMING THE INTER-
DEPENDENCE OF STATES AND ASSERTING THAT "IT IS NO LONGER
POSSIBLE FOR ANYONE TO IMPOSE SOLUTIONS OF HIS CHOICE."
HE CHALLENGED THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO ABANDON THEIR
"PRIVILEGES" AND PARTICIPATE IN ESTABLISHING "THE NEW INTER-
NATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER." WE SHALL REPORT FURTHER, PARTI-
CULARLY REGARDING BOUTEFLIKA'S OPEN-SKY ECONOMIC DEMANDS.
INCIDENTALLY, APPLAUSE FOR BOUTEFLIKA'S SPEECH WAS REMARKABLY
SHORT AND MODERATE.

4. OTHER PRINCIPAL SPEAKER WAS SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM,
WHO IN UNDRAMATIC WAY AFFIRMED IMPORTANCE OF SPECIAL SESSION
AND ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO DEAL CONSTRUCTIVELY WITH THE NEEDS
OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD.

5. OTHER ITEMS ON THIS MORNING'S AGENDA WERE APPROVED WITHOUT
DEBATE -- CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS FOR THE SPECIAL
SESSION TO BE THE SAME AS FOR THE 29TH UNGA; ORGANIZATION OF
THE SESSION AND AGENDA ADOPTED AS RECOMMENDED A/10190/ADD.1.
GENERAL DEBATE BEGINS THIS AFTERNOON WITH BRAZIL, USA,
ITALY, VENEZUELA AND GUATEMALA SCHEDULED TO SPEAK.
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